

**Ministry of Agriculture
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Introduction

Shrimp trawling has a serious impact on ETP species. In some shrimp-trawl fisheries several thousand turtles, stingray sharks among other species are caught and drowned each year. This impact, combined with other human activity such as long line fishing, hunting and coastal development, has resulted in six of the world's seven species of sea turtle being listed in the 2003 IUCN World Conservation Union Red List of Threatened Species. Five of these species are listed as critically endangered (high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future) and one species is listed as endangered (very high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future). The threat of these animals becoming extinct has also led to the listing of all sea turtle species in Appendix 1 of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Additionally, proper management and monitoring of the species is paramount to sustainable development.

Boats Reported ETP species

A total of six boats reported have reported, coming into contact with EPT species for the year 2016. The Nobel House Seafood vessels include Olivia, Snook, Pacuma, Gulfsun, Wapisana, sugum. In the same period only, shallow water from Pritipaul Singh Investment reported contact with ETP species.

Species recorded

The Seabob trawl vessels reported coming into contact with five species. Further whether these species were released dead or alive is unclear. The species reported include; Longnose Ray, Butterfly ray, Leatherback Turtle, Loggerhead Turtle and Seahorse.

The Long Nose Ray – 1081;

Butterfly Ray – 229;

Loggerhead Turtle – 8;

Leatherback – 3;

Challenges

Only two of the four industrial companies submitted ETP reports for the year 2016. Those companies are Nobel House Seafood and Pritipaul Investment. Moreover, although PSI submitted ETP reports for that year, the report does not reflect true (all vessels reported evading contact with ETP species). Further vital information such as boat name, Registration number, Captain' name, dates, and zone fished are lacking on the ETP sheet

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